Auction of lands under section 130 of the Madras Estates Land Act.

* 1504 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that, when for arrears of rent the holding of a tenant is brought to sale and is bid for by
12 the proprietor under section 130 of the Madras Estates Land Act, the Revenue Divisional Officers do not allow the arrears due to the proprietor to be set off against the sale amount?

A.—Yes. Section 124 of the Estates Land Act read with the proviso to section 127 precludes the Revenue Divisional Officers from allowing the arrears due to the proprietor to be set off against the sale amount.

Railways

Extension of the railway from Agastiampalli to Point Calimere.

* 1505 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received memorials from the inhabitants of Point Calimere about the extensions of the railway from Agastiampalli to Point Calimere;

(b) whether the District Board of Tanjore has recommended such extension and have also guaranteed against any loss; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The memorial and the District Board's resolution have been forwarded to the Railway Board and their orders are awaited.

Formation of Provinces

Correspondence regarding the constitution of an Andhra Province.

* 1506 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any correspondence has taken place regarding the constitution of an Andhra Province since August last between the Local Government and the higher authorities;

(b) if so, whether any actual proposal is before the Government either here or in the Government of India or at the Secretary of State's office in regard to the matter; and

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) is in the affirmative, at what stage the proposal at present is?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The answer to clause (a) is in the negative.

Government Servants' Conduct Rules

Prohibition of Government servants from contributing to the All-India Khadi Fund.

* 1507 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in reference to a reply given to my supplementary questions on question No. 512, regarding prohibition of Government servants from contributing to the All-India Khadi Fund answered on 18th October 1927—

(a) whether he has taken into consideration the representation made to him by the All-India Spinners' Association or any member of its executive and referred to in his answer;

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(*b*) what the representation was; and

(*c*) whether the Government have come to any conclusion on the said representation and if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have received no communication purporting to come from the All-India Spinners' Association or from any body purporting to be on the executive of that association.

Public Service

Re-entertainment of Mr. P. Meenakshisundaram Pillai in the Registration Department of the Madura district.

* 1508 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: With reference to the answer to question No. 1063 answered on 2nd November 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a memorial from one P. Meenakshisundaram Pillai, ex-acting clerk of the Registration department of the Madura district, praying for re-entertainment in service;

(*b*) whether the said clerk has put in a total and satisfactory service of more than thirty months in the department on 16th November 1926 under G.O. No. 675, Public, dated 29th July 1927; and

(*c*) whether there are cases where the District Registrars neglected to obtain the necessary exemption for the clerks at the time of appointing them as acting clerks?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There are said to be a few such cases. The Inspector-General of Registration is enquiring into them.

Revenue Establishments

Institution of a black-list by the Collector of Kurnool.

* 1509 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the replies given to question No. 695 answered on 19th October 1927, regarding the institution of a black-list by the Collector of Kurnool, whether in the district of Kurnool the Collector in putting into operation Board's Standing Order No. 132 is awarding black-marks in conformity with the wording of the Standing Order that black-marks should be awarded only in such cases as deserve either actual "punishment or severe censure"?

A.—The question is not understood. When a specific punishment such as reduction or suspension is inflicted or a severe censure is deemed to be deserved, an entry of the fact is made in the conduct sheet.

Appointment of matriculates as sub-magistrates.

* 1510 Q.—SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (1) to call for a districtwar list of school-final and matriculate sub-magistrates as on 1st January 1928 and lay it on the table indicating the exact circumstances under which the Revenue Board has permitted their names to be included in the sub-magistrates' list and (2) to state—

(*a*) why the High Court Judges are not consulted in the preparation of eligible lists for sub-magistrates;